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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES LOCAL REACTION TO ASSASSINATION AUGUST 28 OF THREE AMERICANS EMPLOYED BY ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL AND DESCRIBES ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN AFTERMATH OF INCIDENT.

2. IRANIAN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION: COUNTLESS OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE IRANIANS HAVE EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY AND ROCKWELL SYMPATHY AND SHOCK AT MURDER OF THREE AMERICANS. SHAH CONVEYED HIS CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT FORD IN LETTER FROM MINISTER OF COURT TO AMBASSADOR (TEHRAN 8736). PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA WROTE LETTERS TO WIDOWS OF THREE MEN AND TO AMBASSADOR CONVEYING OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL CONDOLENCES (TEHRAN 8727). BOTH SHAH AND PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED ASSURANCES THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

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3. COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS: FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICES WERE HELD HERE

FOR COTTRELL AND KRONGARD; SMITH FAMILY DECIDED TO FOREGO MEMORIAL IN TEHRAN. GOI WAS REPRESENTED AT SERVICES BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER, AND EMBASSY BY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND OTHER OFFICERS. AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY VISITED ALL THREE FAMILIES TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY AND OFFER ASSISTANCE. GOI HAS MADE \$50,000 EX GRATIA PAYMENT TO EACH FAMILY.

4. RETURN OF BODIES: TEHRAN 8840 PROVIDES INFORMATION ON RETURN OF BODIES AND FAMILY SURVIVORS. THEY WILL BE SEEN OFF AT AIRPORT BY PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT. EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION PROCESSING AT U.S. PORTS OF ENTRY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY EMBASSY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. SECURITY INVESTIGATION: BECAUSE ROCKWELL IS ON CONTRACT TO IMPERIAL IRANIAN AIR FORCE, J-2 DIVISION OF SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIMARY INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT SAVAK WILL PLAY SUBSTANTIAL BEHIND-SCENES ROLE, INCLUDING PLANNING, COORDINATION AND ACTUAL INVESTIGATION. I.I.A.F. IS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GUARD PROTECTION FOR ROCKWELL'S COMMUTER SHUTTLES AND OTHER FACILITIES. END CONFIDENTIAL.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SECURITY FOLLOW-UP: PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY SECURITY BRIEFING BY EMBASSY FOR LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAPPENED TO OCCUR TWO DAYS AFTER ASSASSINATIONS. MORE THAN 170 COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED, COMPARED TO 8 WHO CAME PREVIOUS MONTH. GROUP WAS SOBERED AND CONCERNED BY EVENTS BUT DID NOT APPEAR PANICKED. LIVELY INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN ADOPTING ADDITIONAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND EMBASSY SECURITY STAFF IS CONTINUING TO PROVIDE CONSULTATIVE SERVICE TO LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSES. WE UNDERSTAND FIVE ROCKWELL FAMILIES HAVE LEFT OR ARE IN PROCESS OF LEAVING FOR HOME SINCE INCIDENT AND SOME WHO WERE TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK HAVE DECIDED NOT TO COME. SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES IN TEHRAN HAVE SOUGHT OUR VIEWS ON COPING WITH FUTURE SECURITY PROBLEMS.  
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